

CODES OF CONDUCT

School Sport Australia offers the sporting ideals of fairness, honesty and integrity which are central to the code of practice for students, officials, parents and spectators.

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules with respect, integrity, fairness and be a good sport.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Control your conduct on and off the field.
- Play for enjoyment and learn to value honest effort, skilled performance, and improvement.
- Strive for personal excellence and work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- Don't use bad language or make derogatory remarks.
- Treat your opponent the way you would like to be treated.
- Accept and respect the official's decision and always communicate in the appropriate manner.
- Thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game.
- Adhere to all School Education Policies regarding appropriate conduct.

OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Ensure that equal opportunities for participation in sports are available for all students to develop individual & team skills.
- Adopt a student-centred focus on all planning, decision making and evaluation.
- Ensure everyone involved, including parents and spectators, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play and appropriate conduct.
- Encourage a positive attitude towards school sport.
 - i) emphasise fun and enjoyment.
 - ii) encourage both teams.
 - iii) set a good example.
 - iv) encourage the pursuit of personal excellence.
 - v) teach students to be respectful towards officials and opponents.
 - vi) addressing and encouraging positive conduct of students
 - vii) encouraging the adoption of the Code of Conduct
- Be consistent, respectful, and helpful toward all participants.
- Ensure that the appropriate Risk Management Plans and Procedures are adhered to.
- Adhere to all School Education Policies regarding appropriate conduct.

PARENTS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Demonstrate appropriate conduct through good sportsmanship.
- Be respectful in your communication and remember students play for enjoyment.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Support skilled performances and team play.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any championships.
- Adhere to all School Education Policies regarding appropriate conduct.

Inappropriate Conduct

- Having or consuming alcohol
- Having or using non-prescribed illegal drugs or illicit substances
- Smoking
- Vaping
- Sexual activities
- Sexual harassment
- Vandalism or other Criminal offences
- Swearing or abusing others
- Physical violence
- Harassment, bullying or vilification including the use of social media.
- Unethical behaviour
- Violating team guidelines
- Refusing to comply with instructions.
- Poor sportsmanship or cheating

Other Relevant Supporting Documents

- State and Territory member body student participation agreements
- School Sport Australia Policies and Procedures
- www.playbytherules.net.au (Approved by all State & Territory Government)

Codes of Conduct Breach Consequences

Establishing penalties and breach consequences for the School Sport Australia Code of Conduct is essential to maintain the integrity of the sports programs and ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all students, officials, volunteers, and spectators.

Below are the recommended penalties and consequences for breaches of the Codes of Conduct for players, officials, parents, and spectators. These codes of conduct would work in conjunction with each sport's specific rules and regulations. Consequences for continued breaches of the codes of conduct will be determined by the judiciary committee of each Championship.

1. Players' Code of Conduct Violations:

First breach: -

Warning and counselling by the coach or team manager.

Continued or more severe breaches the following should be considered:

- Suspension from participation in the next game or games or events.
- Exclusion from the School Sport Australia Championship.
- Recommended exclusion from the Member Body's representative program.

2. Officials Code of Conduct Violations:

First breach: -

Warning and counselling by the National Sports Advisor and/or Championship Co-ordinator.

Continued or more severe breaches the following should be considered:

- Recommendation to the Member Body for suspension from championship games or events for a specific period.
- Exclusion from the School Sport Australia Championship.
- Recommended exclusion from the Member Body's representative program.

3. Parents & Spectators Code of Conduct Violations:

First breach: -

Warning and counselling by the National Sports Advisor, Championship Co-ordinator and/or coach or team manager.

Continued or more severe breaches the following should be considered:

- Not permitted to attend the next game or games or events.
- Exclusion from the School Sport Australia Championship.
- Legal actions, including restraining orders if necessary.

4. Inappropriate Conduct Violations (Applies to all):

Immediate Removal:

For violations related to inappropriate conduct may result in immediate removal from all School Sport Australia Championships.

Additional Considerations:

School Sport Australia will provide a process to appeal if required.

Cooperation with law enforcement should be a requirement for handling criminal offenses.